em Editorial Manager®

Fast, Easy, and Effective Online Peer Review

Web-based System for Scholarly Journals, Reference Works, and Conference Proceedings

Improving Life for Everyone In Peer Review

If you work in scholarly publishing, you know that shepherding manuscripts through peer review can be demanding. Help is at hand! Editorial Manager makes manuscript processing fast, easy, effective, reliable, and enjoyable.

Approximately 5,000 publications use Editorial Manager for online manuscript submission and peer review, including commercial publishers, scholarly societies, and university presses. You can see a full listing at www.editorialmanager.com.

Easy Manuscript Submission for Authors

Each year more than one million authors worldwide use Editorial Manager to submit manuscripts for peer review, so the submission interface is proven, robust, and user-friendly. Authors can upload a wide variety of file formats including Office, Office 2010, OpenOffice, LaTeX and most audio/video formats, or can upload multiple files together by using a single compressed ZIP file. Uploaded files are automatically converted to PDF by Editorial Manager.

During submission, authors respond to publication-configured questionnaires for the selected article type. This is an ideal way to solicit information about author funding sources, conflicts of interest, prior publication, etc.

Authors can check the status of their manuscript online and receive regular e-mail updates. "Deep links" allow authors to quickly and easily update contact information and keyword settings.

Editorial Manager also comes with a powerful author solicitation module so that invited submissions and review articles can be tracked in the same system.

Finding and Managing Reviewers

One of the greatest challenges facing peer review publications is the need to find and manage peer reviewers.

In Editorial Manager, reviewer information is conveniently retrieved from a database using numerous query options including areas of expertise, past performance, address, etc. Reviewers are invited by e-mail and can respond immediately by clicking on secure "deep links."

Integrated searches with databases such as Google Scholar, Scopus, and PubMed make it easy to identify new reviewers and quickly add them to the database. Editors can also suggest reviewers for subsequent invitation by publication staff.

Editorial Manager includes comprehensive reviewer reminder functionality, and alternate reviewers can be automatically promoted by the system, thereby saving editorial office time.

Keeping Editors Happy

Editorial Manager is a web-based system, so editors can access their work wherever and whenever they have Internet access. Intuitive screen designs, online help, and powerful search tools make the system ideal for novices as well as power users.

Editors use convenient "to do" lists that collate all needed information in a single place. Reviewers can be either proposed or invited by editors. Reviewer statistics and the reviewer performance reports help editors evaluate and optimize management of reviewers.

Editorial Office Control and Configurability

To create an optimal experience for all the participants in the peer review process, the editorial office needs to have real-time control of critical workflow parameters such as roles, article types, reviewer forms, status terms, e-mail letters, etc.

Editorial Manager empowers the journal office with more configuration power than any other system. The unique Editorial Manager configuration options make it possible for publications to respond quickly to the increasingly dynamic market environment.

Aries pricing includes complete access to configuration options. This means you won't be surprised by downstream charges when you want to change your workflow.

Support and Training

Aries Systems is wholly dedicated to the workflow needs of publications. This means that our support and training services are comprehensively resourced and are fully focused on the needs of the scholarly publishing community.

Publications can be deployed on Editorial Manager within a few weeks, and dedicated Account Coordinators provide training either online or on-site.

Editorial Manager is supported by an independent Listserv with more than 300 members and two annual user group meetings held in the US and Europe.

Reliable Technology

To ensure continuity of business (COB) and disaster recovery (DR), Editorial Manager is hosted in mirrored data centers with redundant Internet connectivity. As a result, Aries has a track record of delivering 99.98% system availability.

New releases to Editorial Manager are deployed *without* system downtime or journal disruption. Journals can elect to "switch on" new features at their own convenience, thereby smoothing training requirements for multiple journals.

Compliance with Standards

Unnecessary publication costs often result from systems that do not support industry standards and therefore require repeated and costly manipulation of data. Editorial Manager minimizes these costs by supporting open standards and interfaces, including:

ISO 10646-1. This ISO standard enables the storage of non-roman and diacritic characters in an industry standard manner. Symbols such as π can be reliably and predictably transferred from peer review to production and online delivery.

ISO 3166. This ISO standard specifies the names and codes used to designate countries.

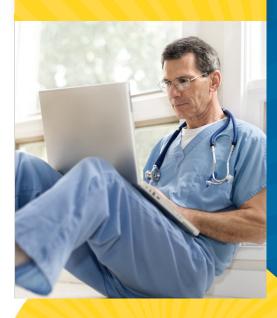**NLM DTD.** Metadata such as manuscript title and author information can be transmitted to other systems using XML that complies with the NLM DTD.

What customers like about Editorial Manager:

- **Freedom to configure workflows at any time**
- **Active User Group**
- **Friendly and reliable customer service**
- **Configurable submission questionnaires**
- **Editor Discussion Forums**
- **Multiple language interface options with toggle**
- **Integration with other applications**
- **Automated reference checking (PubMed and CrossRef)**
- **Automated reference formatting to publication style (e.g. AMA and Chicago style)**
- **Automated plagiarism detection (CrossCheck)**
- **Full Unicode compliance**
- **Comprehensive "Linked Submissions" functionality**
- **Unlimited submission and people "Flags"**
- **E-commerce management module**

Multi-level Reporting

Editorial Manager provides a comprehensive range of reporting options. Standard reports such as the "Reviewer Performance Report" are a quick and easy way to generate on-screen information. General Data Export and Custom Reports are used to create, save, and run customized queries, meeting unique publication requirements. The Enterprise Analytics Reporting module includes graphical displays as well as e-mail delivery of report results. Aries also offers solutions for cross-publication reporting.

Aries Systems Corporation

Aries Systems Corporation has provided innovative software solutions to scholarly publishers for more than 25 years. The company has an excellent reputation, a large base of users, and an experienced management team.

Editorial Manager was first released in 2001 and is currently deployed with about 5,000 publications. The companion product for production tracking, ProduXion Manager™, is also in use by major publications such as *Nature* and *The Lancet*.

Solutions from Aries Systems are designed to strengthen the relationship between publishers and their community of authors, reviewers, and editors and to promote the publisher's brand.

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Publish Faster. Publish Smarter.